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Ford To Build Plant Near Ypsilanti

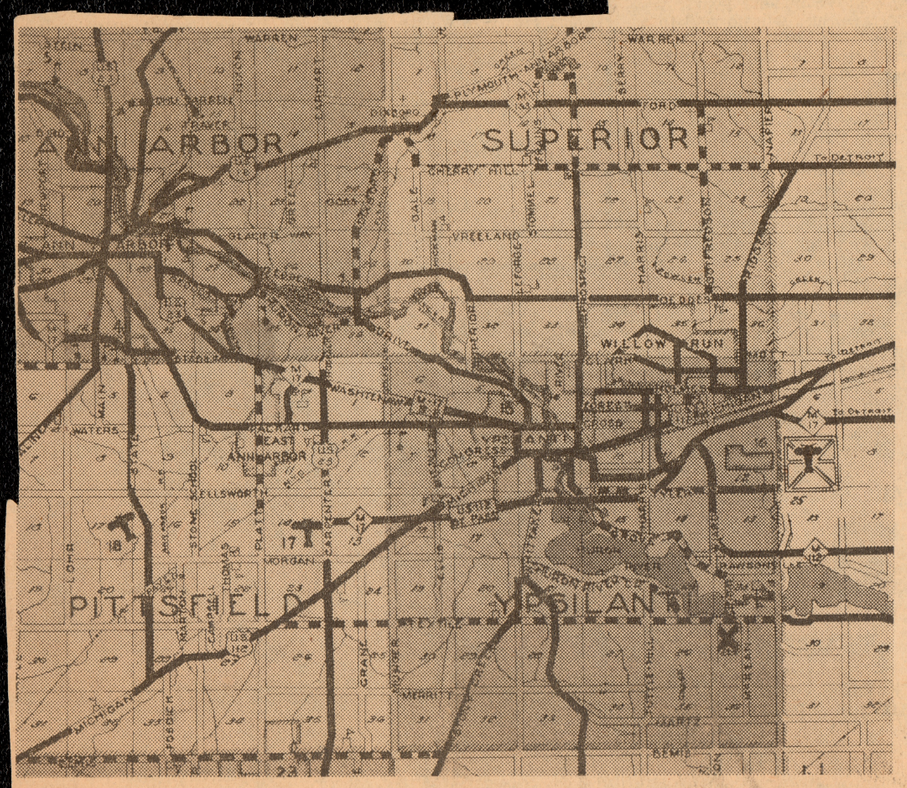
Factory To Hire 3,000, Firm Says

Manchester And Milford Units To Close; Workers May Transfer

YPSILANTI—A new Ford Motor Co. parts manufacturing plant which will employ 3,000 by 1958 will be built at Textile and McKean Rds. in Ypsilanti township.

John S. French, general manager of the company's Parts and Equipment Manufacturing Division, which has its headquarters here, made the announcement today.

To be located on a 90-acre plot at the southwest corner of the intersection—now the site of an orchard—the factory will be known as the division's Rawsonville plant.



SITE OF NEW FORD PLANT: "X" marks the spot (lower right) at the southwest corner of Ypsilanti township's Textile and McKean Rds. where the Ford Motor Co. plans to build a parts manufacturing plant which will employ 3,000 by the end of 1958. It is about 12 miles from Ann Arbor and four miles from Ypsilanti.

Milford and Manchester plants of the division will be closed, French said, and all 850 employes of the two will be able to transfer with their jobs to the Rawsonville plant if they so desire.

Size Described

The plant will cover 600,000 square feet of floor space, which compares with the 609,660 square-foot capacity of the division's recently enlarged plant in Ypsilanti. Distance between the existing and proposed plants is about four miles.

When in full operation the Rawsonville plant will produce instrument clusters and carburetors now made at Manchester and Milford, and other automotive parts and accessories.

Workers have already begun clearing away trees at the plant site. More than 1,500 will be employed at the new plant by mid-1957 and it is expected that this figure will be increased to more than 3,000 by the end of 1958, French declared. Construction will start "almost immediately," he indicated.

When maximum employment is reached at the Rawsonville plant, the Ford Motor Co. will be employing about 7,000 men and women in Ypsilanti and vicinity, French said, adding that the company's area payroll then would total about $35,000,000 annually.

No architect has been hired and cost estimates for the building are not yet available. However, plans probably will call for a one-story building with manufacturing space, plant offices and employe services, he said.

Capacity Limited

The Manchester and Milford plants have limited capacity and their physical characteristics do not lend themselves to needed expansion, French commented. He said that availability of work forces from the two plants was an important factor in the selection of a plant site in southeastern Michigan.

Meanwhile, Ypsilanti township officials commented today that availability of the township's water and sewer facilities was "undoubtedly an important factor in the site selection."

During the past summer, the township adopted an ordinance calling for the future sale of revenue bonds to finance expansion of its water treatment and sewage disposal plant, located on Bridge Rd. about a quarter-mile from the new Ford site.

Township Clerk Donald E. Ehle said the new plant will contribute heavily to costs of the township's water and sewer facilities through rates paid for usage.

Won't Pay All Costs

The township is financing its bond program through higher rates and a debt service charge for all customers in the system. Ehle said Ford representatives implied that if forced to pay all costs of the township's water and sewer plant expansion the plant would be located elsewhere.

Influx of workers to the new plant is expected to result in heavy acceleration of home construction in this area. Immediately affected, observers believe, will be the pace of house-building in the West Willow subdivision's more than 1,000 lots and redevelopment of the Willow Village area with new homes. The latter is the largest proposed redevelopment project in the country.

In addition to housing prospects, availability of water and sewer services and labor from Milford and Manchester, another factor in the site selection was its location near the Ford-owned Rawsonville dam, which presently supplies about one-third of the electrical power used by the company's plant in this city.

Set For Next Year

Ehle said the township's water and sewer plant expansion will probably be carried out next year, prior to the scheduled completion of the new Ford plant in the summer of 1957. Extension of water and sewer southward to the new plant will doubtless be almost coincidental with expansion of the utility plants, he said.

In this city, Paul W. Ehman, executive secretary of the Ypsilanti Board of Commerce, warned that the enterprise puts additional responsibility on the entire community. "We've got to do our level best here to meet the obligations which the new plant will incur," he said, "such as providing adequate housing and manpower."

"The announcement certainly indicates the company's confidence in the ability of the Ypsilanti area community and shows this area is a good place to do business," he commented.

Parity Farm Price Supports

LUDINGTON –(AP)– Gov. Williams has called for 90 per cent parity price supports to help bolster sagging farm income.

In a speech to the Michigan State Grange, Williams said the 90 per cent program should be retained and extended until an "optimum" program can be developed.

Williams also reiterated an earlier suggestion that direct payments be made to farmers on an experimental basis, with special attention to the dairy industry.

He said a report of his farm advisors recommended extension of the state farm marketing program and a national plan under which the government would pay farmers for land removed from production.

Attacks Ike Administration

Attacking the Eisenhower Administration for suggesting there are "too many farmers," Williams said it is "not in our Michigan philosophy to regard our farmers as pawns on some kind of statewide chessboard, the chessmen of least value who can be sacrificed without compunction."

While Michigan farmers are not reaping the rewards of the current economic boom, they are better off than their colleagues in other states, he said.

The farmer in 1950, he said, had an average weekly buying power of $42.10, but by 1954 it had dropped to $39.52.

"Prices received for farm products dropped about five per cent more on the national average this year," he said. "It is feared they may drop as much as another five per cent again next year."

Farm prices will do well to average 80 per cent of parity, compared to about 85 per cent this year, Williams told the group.

Eyes Single-Group Operation

The governor said he had taken steps to find out how much better the several state farm agencies could operate if they were fused into a single group.

Meanwhile, he said, farmers "are not to be treated as though they were some kind of inhuman mass, a troublesome sore of some kind on the body politic."

He said they should not be regarded as merely producers of livestock, grain, fruit and potatoes but "great and rugged individualists, the traditional stabilizers of the life we so much have enjoyed."

Eisenhower Thanks Muskegon People For Birthday Card

MUSKEGON –(U.P.)– Muskegon Mayor William E. Steiner said yesterday he has received a letter from President Eisenhower thanking the residents of Greater Muskegon for the massive birthday-get well card they sent to the chief executive for his birthday.

The card, proposed by the Muskegon Chronicle, contained the signatures of nearly 25,000 Muskegon county residents. The letter from the president, signed in his own handwriting, said:

I am deeply grateful to you and the people of your community who took part in preparing and signing the unusual birthday greeting for me. Won't you please accept for yourself, and convey to those who joined in sending the message, my warm and sincere gratitude for your kind thought of me.

With best wishes,
Sincerely,
Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Book Of Poetry Planned For Bridge Dedication

IONIA –(AP)– The Poetry Society of Michigan plans to publish a book of poetry on Michigan for the dedication of the Straits of Mackinac Bridge.

The society met recently to name new officers. They are: Elizabeth Hurst of Flint, president; Mary McClellan of Lansing, first vice-president; Nordica Norum of Flint, secretary-treasurer.

Joseph Cherwinski of Lansing continues as editor of the society's publication.

PAW PAW–(U.P.)–Mayor Charles M. Tait of South Haven was bound over to the November term of circuit court yesterday on a charge of violating a state law by profiting from a $400 sale of furniture to the city.

Tait, who was arrested last spring was arraigned here Tuesday before Judge Glenn Huey. His examination and arraignment were postponed several times when Tait suffered a critical

In Total Power Output

DETROIT –(AP)– The Detroit Edison Co. reported yesterday its electrical power system set all-time records last week in industrial power supply and in total power output.

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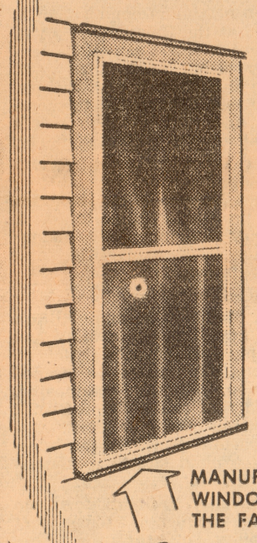

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